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## Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 3898** - Restricts the travel of leaders of nations on the State Department's State Sponsors of Terrorism list. Leaders would not be allowed to participate in any events outside their official duties at the United Nations.

- Sponsor: Rep. Fossella, Vito (R-NY)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 560** - Expresses outrage with the actions taken by Chavez to nationalize oil production. It also encourages the protection of investment and property rights, recognizes the contributions of American workers who made projects in Venezuela a possibility, and urges American companies to stand up for the property rights of shareholders in the face of unjust practices.

- Sponsor: Rep. Barton, Joe (R-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 676** - Declares that it should continue to be the policy of the United States, consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act, to make available to Taiwan such defense articles and services as may be necessary for Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 3650, North Korean Counterterrorism and Nonproliferation Act** - Requires that North Korea stay on the state sponsor of terrorism list until it meets certain criteria including: ending the transfer of nuclear technology specifically to Iran and Syria, ending training, harboring or financing of Hamas or Hezbollah in any way, and releasing political prisoners and prisoners of war.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

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**H.R. 3633** - Provides more direction on the application of a provision within the Export Administration Act of 1979 on the export of civil aircraft parts.

- Sponsor: Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. (R-IL)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 639** - Commending Germany on their work and cooperation with U.S. intelligence agencies in preventing terrorist attacks.

- Sponsor: Rep. Gallegly, Elton (R-CA)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 420** - Condemns the recent murders of three Christian workers in Turkey and expressing support for the efforts of the Government of Turkey to investigate and prosecute those individuals responsible for the murders under charges of terrorism.

- Sponsor: Rep. Inglis, Bob (R-SC)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 121** - Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Japan should formally acknowledge, apologize, and accept historical responsibility in a clear and unequivocal manner for its Imperial Armed Forces' coercion of young women into sexual slavery, known to the world as "comfort women", during its colonial and wartime occupation of Asia and the Pacific Islands from the 1930s through the duration of World War II.

- Sponsor: Rep. Honda, Michael M. (D-CA)
- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 2828, Foreign Service Victims of Terrorism Act of 2007** - Would provide compensation to relatives of United States citizens who were killed as a result of the bombings of United States Embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998.

- Sponsor: Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. (D-IL)
- Status: Passed House 409 - 12 (Roll no. 930)

**H.Con.Res. 188** - Condemns the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994. The 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred on July 18, 2007.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 557** - Condemns the new Human Rights Council of the United Nations for constantly accusing Israel of human rights violations, and for simultaneously ignoring major world crises such as those in the Sudan, Burma, North Korea, Uzbekistan, Iran, and Zimbabwe.

- Sponsor: Rep. Campbell, John (R-CA)
- Status: Passed House 416 - 2 (Roll no. 901)

**H.R. 2799, Quadrennial Foreign Affairs Review Act** - Will require the Department of State to review the nation's diplomatic strategy, programs, personnel, and organizational

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structure and produce a quadrennial report much like that of the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) issued by the Department of Defense. This bill will keep members of Congress and the public apprised of the Administration's diplomatic goals and operations on a consistent basis.

- Sponsor: Rep. Thornberry, Mac (R-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 235** - Supports the upgrading of Israel's relationship with the NATO by calling on the U.S. to support Israel's inclusion in the Mediterranean dialogue and in NATO's Partners for Peace Program.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wexler, Robert (D-FL)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 2960, Department of State Crisis Response Act of 2007** - Will help the State Department respond to the passport processing personnel shortage by re-employing "vital former employees." A retiree of the Foreign Service may be re-employed by the State Department on a part-time, temporary stint to ease this burden.

- Sponsor: Rep. Capuano, Michael E. (D-MA)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 2712, United Nations Transparency, Accountability, and Reform Act of 2007** – Makes it the policy of the United States for the President to seek a shift in the funding mechanism for the budget of the United Nations. Under the bill, the President shall direct the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States at the United Nations to shift the funding mechanism for the regular budget of the United Nations to a voluntary basis, and to make it a priority to build support for such a transformational change among Member States, particularly key UN donors.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 2332, Syria Accountability and Liberation Act** - States that U.S. sanctions, controls, and regulations relating to Syria shall remain in effect until the President certifies that Syria has ceased support for terrorism, has dismantled biological, chemical, or nuclear weapons programs and has committed to combat their proliferation, respects the boundaries and sovereignty of all neighboring countries, and upholds human rights and civil liberties. Imposes specified trade, assistance, and military sanctions, as appropriate, on persons or countries that transfer goods or technology so as to contribute to Syria's biological, chemical, nuclear, or advanced conventional weapons programs. Sets forth diplomatic measures intended to isolate the government of Syria.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: Subcommittee on Trade

**H.Res. 449** - Encouraging the Federal Government and State and municipal governments, universities, companies, and other institutions in the United States, and all Americans to divest from companies that do business with Sudan.

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- Sponsor: Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. (R-CO)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs & House Committee on Financial Services

**H.Res. 422** - Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lee, Barbara (D-CA)
- Status: Passed House 410-0 (Roll No. 427)

**H.Res. 418** - Recognizing and welcoming the delegation of Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Foreign Ministers from the Caribbean to Washington, D.C., and commending the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for holding the Conference on the Caribbean.

- Sponsor: Rep. Engel, Eliot L. (D-NY)
- Status: Passed House 386-0 (Roll No. 450)

**H.Res. 416** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the public service of Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

- Sponsor: Rep. King, Peter T. (R-NY)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 412** - Expressing gratitude to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for their State Visit to the United States and reaffirming the friendship that exists between the United States and the United Kingdom.

- Sponsor: Rep. Boozman, John (R-AR)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 358** – Recognizing the significance and contribution of the Brotherhood of the Badge to the Global War on Terror founded by Mike Harris and Brian Burry of the Fresno City Police Department and Ken Shockley of the Fresno City Fire Department, an organization to help supply Iraqi police forces with much-needed surplus body armor, including bulletproof vests, and other vital law enforcement equipment.

- Sponsor: Rep. Radanovich, George (R-CA)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 294** - Commends the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women's Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights.

- Sponsor: Rep. Watson, Diane E. (D-CA)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 233** - Recognizes over 200 years of sovereignty of the Principality of Liechtenstein, and expressing support for efforts by the United States continue to strengthen its relationship with that country.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff (R-FL)
- Status: Passed House 389-0 (Roll No. 501)

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**H.Con.Res. 151** - Noting the disturbing pattern of killings of numerous independent journalists in Russia since 2000, and urging Russian President Vladimir Putin to authorize cooperation with outside investigators in solving those murders.

- Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Christopher H. (R-NJ)

- Status: Passed House 388 - 1 (Roll no. 500)

**H.Con.Res. 131** – Commemorates the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, Israel.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Joe (R-SC)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 158** - Observing the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade and encouraging the people of the United States, particularly the youth of the United States, to remember the life and legacy of William Wilberforce, a member of the British House of Commons who devoted his life to the suppression and abolition of the institution of slavery, and to work for the protection of human rights throughout the world.

- Sponsor: Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. (R-PA)

- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 225** - Expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should not support the U.N. Human Rights Council, and should withhold financial support for the Council until meaningful human rights reforms are carried out. It also directs the Secretary of State to withhold funds from the United Nations that would be allocated to the Council.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff (R-FL)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 1400, Iran Counter Proliferation Act** – Provides additional import and export sanctions, Directs the President to report every six months to the appropriate congressional committees respecting investment activity that could contribute to Iran's development of petroleum resources, and U.S. steps in response to such activity. Directs the President to determine and report to the committees whether the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps should be: (1) designated as a foreign terrorist organization; (2) placed on the list of designated global terrorists; and (3) placed on the list of weapons of mass destruction proliferators and their supporters.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lantos, Tom (D-CA)

- Status: Passed House 397 - 16 (Roll no. 895)

**H.R. 1324** - Urges the Secretary of State to designate the Quds Force, a unit of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, as a foreign terrorist organization.

- Sponsor: Rep. Saxton, Jim (R-NJ)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs and House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.Res. 164** - Encourages the Federal Government and State and municipal governments, universities, companies, and other institutions in the United States, and all Americans to divest from companies that do business with Sudan.

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- Sponsor: Rep. Tancredo, Tom (R-CO)
- Status: House Committee on Financial Services

**H.R. 1441, Stop Arming Iran Act** – Stops the auction of military parts (notably for the F-14) to Iran.

- Sponsor: Rep. Giffords, Gabrielle (D-AZ)
- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 957** - Amends the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to include financial institutions, insurers, underwriters, and guarantors, and petroleum by-products and liquefied natural gas.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: Passed House 415 - 11 (Roll no. 772)

**H.R. 900, Puerto Rico Democracy Act** – Allows a self-determination process for the island and gives voters the option to vote for continued U.S. territorial status, statehood, or for a path toward independence.

- Sponsor: Rep. Serrano, Jose E. (D-NY)
- Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote

**H.Res. 228** - Recognizing the 186th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: Passed House 413-0 (Roll No. 140)

**H.Con.Res. 21** - Calls on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel.

- Sponsor: Rep. Steve Rothman (D-NJ)
- Status: Passed House 411 - 2, 11 Present (Roll no. 513)

**H.Res. 125** - Expresses deep concern over the use of civilians as "human shields" in violation of international humanitarian law and the law of war during armed conflict, including Hezbollah's tactic of embedding its forces among civilians to use them as human shields during the summer of 2006 conflict between Hezbollah and the State of Israel.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Con.Res. 235** - Regarding ending World Bank disbursements to Iran until the International Atomic Energy Agency certifies the compliance of the Islamic Republic of Iran with Resolutions 1696 and 1747 of the United Nations Security Council and the terms of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

- Sponsor: Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven (R-IL)

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- Status: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology

**H.Con.Res. 257** - Expressing concern regarding arms transfers to Iran and Syria by the Russian Federation and entities in the Russian Federation and urging the President of the United States to implement sanctions against such entities found to be in violation of United States law prohibiting arms transfers to Iran and Syria.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)  
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Con.Res. 278** - Supporting Taiwan's fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)  
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 674** - This measure expresses Congressional support for Israel's right to self defense in the face of a nuclear and military threat from Syria and condemns Syria's government for its continued support of terrorism and its use of chemical, biological and nuclear activities.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wexler, Robert (D-FL)  
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 821** - Condemning Communist China's discrimination, harassment, imprisonment, torture, and execution of its prisoners of conscience.

- Sponsor: Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. (R-MI)  
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 857** - This resolution calls on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to drop the charges against the "Qatif Girl," who was gang-raped by 7 men. Immediately before her attack, the young woman was in a car with a male whom she was not related to. For this reason, a Saudi Arabian court sentenced her to 6 months in prison and 90 lashes. The Resolution shows that the House of Representatives takes a strong stance against a system that punishes victims.

- Sponsor: Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol (D-NH)  
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 879** - Objecting to United Nations funding of the Durban Review Conference using the United Nations regular budget, and for other purposes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)  
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 889** - Condemning the December 11, 2007, terrorist bombings on the people of Algeria and United Nations personnel, and expressing sympathy to the victims of these terrorist attacks.

- Sponsor: Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. (D-FL)  
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

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**H.Res. 912** - Condemning the assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to assist the people of Pakistan in combating terrorist activity and promoting a free and democratic Pakistan.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. (D-NY)

- Status: Passed House 413 - 0 (Roll no. 3)

**H.Res. 939** - Condemning the glorification of terrorism and the continuing anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric at the United Nations.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 951** - Condemning the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians, and for other purposes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Garrett, Scott (R-NJ)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res.965** - Condemning the actions and statements of Venezuelan president Hugo Rafael Chavez Frias.

- Sponsor: Rep. Issa, Darrell E. (R-CA)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

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